UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of  
CERTAIN FISH-HANDLING PLIERS  
AND PACKAGING THEREOF  
Investigation No. 337-TA-1169

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN  
INITIAL DETERMINATION FINDING FOUR RESPONDENTS IN DEFAULT


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 11) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) finding four respondents in default.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Needham, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-5468. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on July 29, 2019, based on a complaint filed by United Plastic Molders, Inc. of Jackson, Mississippi ("UPM"). 84 FR 36620-21. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain fish-handling pliers and packaging thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,256,923 and U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 4,980,923 and 5,435,944. Id. The Commission’s notice of investigation named as respondents Yixing Five Union Industry & Trade Co., Ltd. of Yixing City, China (“Yixing Five”); NOEBY Fishing Tackle Co., Ltd. of Weihai, China (“NOEBY”); Weihai iLure Fishing Tackle Co., Ltd. of Weihai, China (“Weihai iLure”); SamsFX of Yangzhou City, China; and Weihai Lotus Outdoor Co., Ltd. of Weihai, China.
Yixing Five, NOEBY, Weihai iLure, and Weihai Lotus were served with the complaint and notice of investigation. Yixing Five refused service of the complaint and notice of investigation. On September 27, 2019, UPM moved for an order to show cause why these four respondents should not be found in default for failing to respond to the complaint and notice of investigation. On October 21, 2019, the ALJ ordered those four respondents to show cause why they should not be found in default. Order No. 6 (Oct. 21, 2019). No respondent replied to the show cause order.

On November 19, 2019, the ALJ issued the subject ID, finding Yixing Five, NOEBY, Weihai iLure, and Weihai Lotus in default for failing to respond to the complaint, notice of investigation, and the show cause order. No petitions for review of the ID were received.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The authority for the Commission’s determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in part 210 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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